

## TAKE "COKE KING:" SENSATION EXPECTED

Further disclosures of the payment of "protection money are probable as a result of the arrest last night of Eugene Hustion, the negro "coke king of Chicago," by agents of the civil service commission.

Investigators for the commission, assisted by detectives, raided Hustion's place at 2511 S. Dearborn street, about 8 o'clock, when his illicit business was at its height. He was taken to headquarters, and questioned by Special Prosecutor W. W. Wheelock.

Hustion said he sold from \$150 to \$175 worth of cocaine and opium every day, to wealthy people and inmates of disorderly houses in the vice district. He declared his profit on the sales was 500 per cent. His customers numbered over 500 a day.

Hustion named several police officials to whom he had paid tribute—commanding officers as well as privates—and said it had cost him over \$3,000 a year for protection. He declared that every time he saw a policeman or detective he had to "come through." Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the policemen were among his expenses.

Several times, he said, his place had been raided, and cocaine and other drugs seized, as well as jewelry and watches. A great deal of this was not returned, and when it was he was often compelled to pay for it. He told of being arrested, and said he had

been in court so many times he had lost count. Because of the influence he commanded, he always was let off with fines, and was never forced to pay over \$200. One time, he said, his place was raided to secure evidence for federal prosecution. Only five ounces of cocaine were turned over to government officers.

Hustion is alleged to have acted as a "fence" for negro thieves operating on the South Side.

In Hustion's statement several policemen were named, but the civil service commission will not make them public unless charges are filed with Chief McWeeny, asking for their suspension. Hustion's den is in the district commanded by Lieut. Prim, now under suspension and waiting trial for neglect of duty.

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## DANCE TONIGHT

"It looks like a big night to-night." Meaning the dance and reception, to be given by the Bindery Women's Union, Local No. 30, at Douglas Park Auditorium, Ogden and Kedzie avenues.

The committee in charge has completed all arrangements, and everything is in readiness for the big crowd expected. The grand march will be led by Miss Mary McInerney, business agent of the union.

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"Drink to me only with thine eyes," she warbled.

"That makes me dizzy enough but it ain't filling," he objected.